THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

# 20th JOINT ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC HEALTH (JASH) AND 2nd NATIONAL ANNUAL COMMUNICABLE NATIONAL ANNUAL AND NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NACNDC)

## CONFERENCE 2026

*Theme:*

Unified action against communicable and non- communicablediseases.

28th-30th OCT 2026

Speke Resort Munyonyo

# KAMPALA DECLARATION 2026

**Hosts**: Ministry of Health, Makerere University College of Health Sciences and UNACOH

**Chief Guest**: Hon. Dr. Chris Baryomunsi

Minister of Health

## Preamble

We, the delegates representing government, academia, health professionals, civil society, communities, development partners and the private sector, reaffirm our collective commitment to advancing the health and well-being of all people in Uganda. Recognizing the interconnected burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases, emerging threats and health-system challenges, we call for a unified, equitable, resilient and people-centered health system. Building on the 2025 Conference Declaration, we commit to translating evidence and partnerships into sustainable action and measurable results.

## Our Eight Strategic Commitments

1. **Multisectoral collaboration and One Health**: Advance coordinated action on disease threats, environmental and climate risks, and social determinants of health.
2. **Integrated, people-centered care**: Strengthen prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, referral and continuity of care across all levels.
3. **Research, innovation and evidence-informed policy:** Promote nationally relevant research, responsible digital technologies, interoperable data and translation of evidence into practice.
4. **Sustainable health financing:** Increase predictable domestic investment, equitable financial protection and efficient resource use while reducing external dependence.
5. **Health systems and workforce**: Invest in health workers, community systems, essential medicines, diagnostics, vaccines, infrastructure and quality services.
6. **Health security and resilience**: Strengthen surveillance, epidemic preparedness, antimicrobial resistance containment and climate-resilient services.
7. **Governance and accountability**: Define implementation responsibilities, measurable indicators, monitoring, and transparent progress reporting.
8. **Equity and inclusion**: Remove barriers, stigma and discrimination, protect underserved populations and ensure meaningful community participation.

## Collective Call to Action

We call upon the **Government of Uganda, Parliament, local governments, academic and research institutions, development partners, civil society, professional associations, communities and the private sector** to translate these commitments into coordinated, adequately financed and measurable actions. We call for a costed implementation and accountability framework, aligned with existing national structures, with assigned responsibilities, milestones and annual progress reviews through the NACNDC– JASH platform.

## Declaration and Resolution

We resolve to move from fragmentation to integration; from late diagnosis to prevention and early detection; from external dependence to sustainable national financing; from research findings to evidence-informed action; and from commitments to measurable results and accountability.

Together, we commit to unified action, sustainable investment, scientific excellence and measurable progress towards a healthier Uganda.

Declared this Friday, 30th October 2026, at Speke Resort Convention Centre, Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda.

**FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY**